expenditure of Rs. 39.75 crores has been approved for drought relief in Orissa. In addition to this, Rs. 6.00 lakhs for increasing vegetable production and Rs. 11.00 crores for completion of irrigation projects have also been approved under drought relief programmes.

(e) No, Sir.

Assistance for drinking water for Orissa

53. SHRI BASUDEV MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of Central assistance asked by the Government of Orissa for drinking water supply during the year 1986-87 and 1987-88;

(b) what is the amount sanctioned so far and when was it sactioned;

(c) what are the guide--lines followed by Government in sanctioning such assistance; and

(d) whether the Government of Orissa's request has fulfilled the guidelines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) and (b) Central assistance for drinking water supply in rural areas is provided to State/UT Governments under the Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). In 1986-87, an amount of Rs. 12.78 crores was allocated to the State Government of Orissa under ARWSP which was released in full in 3 instalments on 14-5-1986, 4.6.1986 and 19.12.1986. During 1987-88 against their allocation of Rs. 12.69 crores, Rs. 9.90 crores has been released so far in two instalments on 1-4-1987 and 25-9-1987.

(c) Funds under ARWSP are released to the State/UT Governments subject to matching budget provision for rural water supply under the state sector Minimum Needs Programme (MNP) and subject to the other prescribed conditions. The first instalment of 50 per cent of the allocation is released without any condition. The second instalment is released after details regarding utilisation of 50 per cent of available funds during the year, unutilised amount of the previous year and audited certificates for the earlier period etc. are made available by the State Governments.

(d) The State Government had fulfilled the guidelines for the funds released in 1986-87. In regard to 1987-88 the fulfilment of the prescribed conditions will be relevant at the time of release of last instalment out of the total allocation under ARWSP.

Review of NREP in Orissa

54. SHRI BASUDEV MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount spent under the National Rural Employment Programme in Orissa during the last three years;

(b) what was the rate of wages fixed and paid to the workers engaged under N.R.E.P. in the State during the same period; and

(c) whether N.R.E.P. work of the State of Orissa has been reviewed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) Expenditure incurred under National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) in Orissa during the last three years is as under:

Year	Expenditure incurred (Rs. in lakhs)
1984—85	2064·27
1985—86	2063·86
1986—87	2813·73